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For: ARYL SUBSTITUTED PURINE
ANALOGUES

Examiner: B. Kifle

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Communication dated May 6, 2008, and now submit this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement on the grounds that consideration and examination of the groups specified in the Restriction should not impose an undue burden. Additionally, significant expense and time would be saved if all of the groups (i.e., all pending claims) were searched and examined at this time.

Nonetheless, to provide a complete response, Applicants elect the species of Compound 8 in Table 1 of the specification, which is [9-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-9H-purin-6-yl]-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-amine. It is believed that at least claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-18, 20-27, 29-31, 33, 35-39, 41-42, 45-53, 56, 57, 63-70, 73-81, 87, 88, and 90.

The selection of the species is being made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and the right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Early and favorable consideration of the application is earnestly solicited.

Applicants conditionally petition for any necessary extension of time. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 61387 (72021).

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Respectfully submitted,

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